

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 188
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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Dr. William H. West
upon his induction into the Society of
Entrepreneurs.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary entrepreneurial efforts, have distinguished themselves as successful business professionals and benevolent community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is William West, M.D., who will be inducted into the Society of Entrepreneurs on April 16, 2005 in recognition of his success, hard work, and community service; and

WHEREAS, the Society of Entrepreneurs was founded in 1991 to foster the development of the entrepreneurial spirit and to recognize the contributions of entrepreneurs to business and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Society of Entrepreneurs' mission is to promote the general welfare of the community, to further the public good, and to further education in Tennessee through the creation, development, and implementation of various community programs which recognize and encourage the efforts of entrepreneurs in business and local, national, and international communities; and

WHEREAS, choosing only four new members in 2005, the Society of Entrepreneurs selects mature business leaders who have exhibited personal business achievement, self-direction, leadership, personal integrity, determination, creativity, and the ability to transform a vision into a dynamic business achievement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. West, a successful physician, has exhibited entrepreneurial creativity and initiative by founding the West Clinic in Memphis, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the West Clinic employs 273 health care professionals and twenty-five physicians and sees between 350-425 patients per week; and

WHEREAS, the West Clinic, treating cancer patients at five different locations, recently celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary in November 2004; cancer survivors from each of the twenty-five years of the West Clinic's existence attended the event, and Dr. West was recognized for his enormous contributions to cancer treatment in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1980's, Dr. William West also founded Response Oncology Incorporated, which develops unique cancer treatment protocols that are widely used by a network of cancer specialists throughout the country in the treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, evincing his deep commitment to community service and philanthropy, Dr. West is Chairman of a fundraising campaign for Dorothy's Place, an Alzheimer's day care facility, a member of the American Cancer Society, and a member of many other meritorious organizations; and

WHEREAS, an active and devout member of the Christ United Methodist Church, Dr. West has served his congregation and community faithfully for many years; he recently wrote a book in draft form arguing for the existence of a supreme being by considering scientific discoveries about the universe, DNA, and higher consciousness; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of any true Tennessean, Dr. West is both a consummate professional and a model public servant who shares his many talents with the greater Memphis community; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Dr. William West for his remarkable accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Dr. William H. West for his entrepreneurial

creativity and success, congratulate him upon his induction into the Society of Entrepreneurs, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.